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I object to the proposed Microsoft settlement for many reasons, but one of the biggest is that Microsoft charges large institutions site-licenses based on the number of machines that **could** run Windows, even if they happen to be running other operating systems like Linux. This in turn causes those large institutions to rethink their OS strategy, and in many cases they **require** all users to use Windows because "Hey, we're already paying for it". This is inherently anti-competetive.

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